

Remarks

The Office Action dated November 12, 2010, has been carefully reviewed. The following remarks form a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 12 and 25-28 and have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11, 13 and 29 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, in cancelled claim 12. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner indicated that claim 12 contained allowable subject matter. Office Action at p. 5. In addition, the Examiner proposed amending the claim 11 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12 and put the application in condition for allowance. Id. at p. 2. Although Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's rejection of claim 11, solely to expedite prosecution, in accordance with the Examiner's proposal, Applicants have amended claim 11 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12. In addition, independent claim 29 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12. Accordingly, all pending claims have subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the Examiner allow all pending claims and pass this application to issue.

Rejection of Claims 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 11, 19-21 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0167455 to Iborra *et al.* ("Iborra"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for the following reasons.

Independent Claim 11

As noted above, claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12. Accordingly, claim 11 recites “caus[ing] the computer to ... split up said description in object classes and distribute said object classes between the code generators according to said distribution rules, each code generator translating the object classes with which it is provided, into said corresponding part of the said computer code.” As acknowledged by the Examiner, Iborra does not disclose this feature. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11 is patentable over Iborra and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Dependent Claims 19-21

Claims 19-21 depend, directly or indirectly, on claim 11 and are patentable over Iborra for the same reasons discussed above with regard to claim 11 as well as for the additional limitations they recite.

Independent Claim 29

As noted above, claim 29 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12. Accordingly, claim 29 recites “caus[ing] the computer to ... split up said description in object classes and distribute said object classes between the code generators according to said distribution rules, each code generator translating the object classes with which it is provided, into said corresponding part of the said computer code. As acknowledged by the Examiner, Iborra does not disclose this feature. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 29 is patentable over Iborra and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, all rejections have been sufficiently addressed. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and request that the Office allow all pending claims and pass this application to issue.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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